ABSTRACT

The thermal stability of a polymer is improved by blending, before melt processing, (1) a polymer selected from (a) olefin polymers, (b) polymers of vinyl-substituted aromatic compounds, (c) polymers of substituted acrylic esters, and (d) graft copolymers comprising a backbone of a propylene polymer material having a substituted acrylic ester graft polymerized thereto, and (2) about 0.1% to about 5% of at least one unsaturated aliphatic compound having a molecular weight of at least 200 and an iodine number of at least 10, e.g., soybean oil.